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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1(currently amended): A terpene-free hard surface cleaning composition comprising: (a) a anionic surfactant; (b) a primary solvent comprised of a C_1-C_4 alkyl ester of a C_6-C_{22} saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid; (c) a short-chain cosurfactant; and (d) water, and wherein the composition is free of non-ionic surfactants.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal salts of fatty acids, organic base salts of fatty acids, alkyl sulfates, alkyl ether sulfates, alkyl aromatic sulfonates, alkyl sulfonates, alpha olefin sulfonates, sulfosuccinates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1 wherein the primary solvent is a methyl ester of a C_{8-10} saturated carboxylic acid.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1 wherein the primary solvent is a mixture comprised of the methyl esters of 55% C_8 and 40% C_{10} carboxylic acids.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1 wherein the short-chain cosurfactant is a C_3-C_6 alcohol, a glycol, a glycol ether, a pyrrolidinone and a glycol ether esters.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The composition of claim 5 wherein the short-chain cosurfactant is n-butyl alcohol and propylene glycol n-butyl ether.

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Claim 7 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1 wherein the amount of the primary solvent in the composition is from about 80% to about 95% by weight.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1 wherein the amount of the primary solvent in the composition is from about 25% to about 60% by weight.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A terpene-free microemulsion for cleaning hard surfaces comprising: (a) from about 5% to about 10% by weight of an anionic surfactant, (b) from about 40% to about 50% by weight of a primary solvent, (c) from about 5% to about 15% by weight of a short-chain cosurfactant and (d) water wherein all weights are based on the total weight of the ~~composition~~ emulsion, and wherein the emulsion is free of non-ionic surfactants.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 9 wherein the anionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal salts of fatty acids, organic base salts of fatty acids, alkyl sulfates, alkyl ether sulfates, alkyl aromatic sulfonates, alkyl sulfonates, alpha olefin sulfonates, sulfosuccinates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 9 wherein the primary solvent is a methyl ester of a C_{8-10} saturated carboxylic acid.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 9 wherein the primary solvent is a mixture comprised of the methyl esters of 55% C_8 and 40% C_{10} carboxylic acid.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 9 wherein the short-chain cosurfactant is a C_3-C_6 alcohol, a glycol, a glycol ether, a pyrrolidone and a glycol ether

esters.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 13 wherein the short-chain cosurfactant is n-butyl alcohol and propylene glycol n-butyl ether.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 9 wherein the amount of the primary solvent is from about 80% to about 95% by weight.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 9 wherein the amount of the primary solvent is from about 25% to about 60% by weight.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 9 further comprising a corrosion inhibitor.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 17 wherein the corrosion inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of an amphoteric surfactant containing an amine functionality, an amine soap of a fatty acid, a fatty amide and combinations thereof.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 17 wherein the corrosion inhibitor is an amphoteric surfactant containing an amine functionality.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The microemulsion of claim 18 wherein the amount of corrosion inhibitor is from about 0.05% to about 2% by weight of the total composition.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A terpene-free microemulsion for cleaning hard surfaces comprising: (a) from about 5% to about 10% by weight of an amine salt of a fatty acid or an amine salt of a dodecyl benzene sulfonic acid, (b) from about 40% to about 50% by

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weight of a methyl ester of a C_8-C_{10} saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid, (c) from about 5% to about 15% by weight of n-butyl alcohol or propylene glycol n-butyl ether and (d) water wherein all weights are based on the total weight of the ~~composition~~ emulsion, and wherein the emulsion is free of non-ionic surfactants.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A terpene-free microemulsion for cleaning hard surfaces which is the product of the process which comprises mixing: (a) an anionic surfactant; (b) a primary solvent comprised of a C_1-C_4 alkyl ester of a C_6-C_{22} saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid and; (c) a short-chain cosurfactant; and (d) water, and wherein the composition is free of non-ionic surfactants.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A terpene-free microemulsion for cleaning hard surfaces which is the product of the process which comprises mixing: (a) from about 5% to about 10% by weight of an amine salt of a fatty acid or an amine salt of a dodecyl benzene sulfonic acid, (b) from about 40% to about 50% by weight of a methyl ester of a C_8-C_{10} saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid, (c) from about 5% to about 15% by weight of n-butyl alcohol or propylene glycol n-butyl ether and (d) water wherein all weights are based on the total weight of the ~~composition~~ emulsion, and wherein the emulsion is free of non-ionic surfactants.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A terpene-free hard surface cleaning composition comprised of: (a) a C_1-C_4 alkyl ester of a C_6-C_{22} saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid, and (b) a surfactant having an HLB of from about 4 to about 10, and wherein the composition is free of non-ionic surfactants.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The composition of claim 24 wherein the primary solvent is a methyl ester of a C_{8-10} saturated carboxylic acid.

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Claim 26 (previously presented): The composition of claim 24 wherein the primary solvent is a mixture comprised of the methyl esters of 55% C_8 and 40% C_{10} carboxylic acid.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The composition of claim 24 wherein the surfactant having an HLB of from about 4 to about 10 is the isopropyl amine salt of dodecylbenzene sulfonic acid, a linear alcohol ethoxylate, a nonyl phenol ethoxylate, a fatty amide, a fatty amine ethoxylate, a sorbitan ester, a glycerol ester or a combination thereof.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A process for cleaning a hard surface which comprises contacting the hard surface with an effective amount of a composition of claim 1.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A process for cleaning a hard surface which comprises contacting the hard surface with an effective amount of a composition of claim 9.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A process for cleaning a hard surface which comprises contacting the hard surface with an effective amount of a composition of claim 21.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A process for cleaning a hard surface which comprises contacting the hard surface with an effective amount of a composition of claim 22.

Claim 32 (previously presented): A process for cleaning a hard surface which comprises contacting the hard surface with an effective amount of a composition of claim 23.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A process for cleaning a hard surface which comprises contacting the hard surface with an effective amount of a composition of claim 24.

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Claim 34 (currently amended): A terpene-free microemulsion for cleaning hard surfaces comprising: (a) from about 40% to about 50% of a methyl ester of a fatty acid comprised of 55% C_8 and 40% C_{10} carboxylic acids; (b) from about 5% to about 10% of the isopropylamine salt of a linear alkyl benzene sulfonic acid; (c) from about 1% to about 5% of sodium lauryl sulfate; (d) from about 5% to about 15% propylene glycol n-butyl ether; (e) the remainder water, and wherein the composition is free of non-ionic surfactants.

Claim 35 (previously presented): An article comprising a composition of claim 1 and a container.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The article of claim 35 wherein the container is a can or a bottle.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The article of claim 36 wherein the composition of claim 1 is further comprised of a corrosion inhibitor, a gelling agent or a combination thereof.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The article of claim 37 wherein the corrosion inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of an amphoteric surfactant containing an amine functionality, an amine soap of a fatty acid, a fatty amide and combinations thereof.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The article of claim 38 wherein the corrosion inhibitor is an amphoteric surfactant containing an amine functionality.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The article of claim 37 wherein the gelling agent is methyl cellulose or hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

Claim 41 (previously presented): An article comprising a composition of claim 34 and a

container.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The article of claim 41 wherein the container is a can or a bottle.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The article of claim 42 wherein the composition of claim 1 is further comprised of a corrosion inhibitor, a gelling agent or a combination thereof.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The article of claim 43 wherein the corrosion inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of an amphoteric surfactant containing an amine functionality, an amine soap of a fatty acid, a fatty amide and combinations thereof.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The article of claim 44 wherein the corrosion inhibitor is an amphoteric surfactant containing an amine functionality.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The article of claim 43 wherein the gelling agent is methyl cellulose or hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

Claim 47 (currently amended): A process for cleaning a hard surface comprising contacting the hard surface with a terpene-free microemulsion comprising: (a) from about 40% to about 50% of a methyl ester of a fatty acid comprised of 55% C_8 and 40% C_{10} carboxylic acids; (b) from about 5% to about 10% of the isopropylamine salt of a linear alkyl benzene sulfonic acid; (c) from about 1% to about 5% of sodium lauryl sulfate; (d) from about 5% to about 15% propylene glycol n-butyl ether; (e) the remainder water, and wherein the composition is free of non-ionic surfactants.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The process of claim 47 wherein the hard surface is

contacted by spraying or brushing the microemulsion onto the surface.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The article of claim 48 wherein the composition of claim 1 is further comprised of a corrosion inhibitor, a gelling agent or a combination thereof.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The article of claim 49 wherein the corrosion inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of an amphoteric surfactant containing an amine functionality, an amine soap of a fatty acid, a fatty amide and combinations thereof.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The article of claim 49 wherein the corrosion inhibitor is an amphoteric surfactant containing an amine functionality.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The article of claim 49 wherein the gelling agent is methyl cellulose or hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.